

Virginia Board of Psychology
Minutes
April 10, 2007

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order 10:07 a.m. on April 10, 2007 in conference room 3 of the Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad Street, 5th floor, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Nadia Kuley, Ph.D., Chair of the Board presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S.
Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.
Mary B. Gregerson, Ph.D.
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Lorene Martin
Sonia H. Price, Esq.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia Latimer, Deputy Executive Director
Joyce D. Williams, Administrative Assistant
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Bruce Keeney, Executive Director, Virginia Psychological Association (VPA)
Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP)
Dr. Cathleen Rea, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Rea addressed the petition for rulemaking submitted on behalf of VACP regarding the education and supervised experience requirements for clinical psychologists. Dr. Rea informed the Board that the VACP was in support of this petition, and she was here to address any questions the Board may have regarding the recommendations in this petition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dr. Gregerson and seconded by Dr. Stutts that the minutes of January 9, 2007 be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Ms. Brown introduced Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director of the behavioral science boards.

Ms Brown informed the Board that James "Sammy" Johnson, Deputy Director of the Enforcement Division would present on the Department of Health Professions' investigative process at the Virginia Psychological Association's (VPA) Conversation Hour on April 12, 2007 and that Ms. Larimer would also be present for the Conversation Hour with the Board of Psychology .

REGULATORY:

The Board discussed the petition for rulemaking to amend the requirements for education and supervision for clinical psychologists. A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Gregerson to accept the petition and refer it to the Regulatory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Stutts, currently serving as past- president of VACP informed the Board that he did not vote on this regulatory issue when it came before VACP.

Dr. Stutts recommended that the Board adopt the NOIRA to revise the continuing education requirements for psychologists. A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Hacker that the Board adopt the NOIRA. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Stutts asked the Board to adopt the NOIRA regarding experience requirements for the sex offender treatment provider certification and add a requirement for continuing education to the CSOTP regulations. A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Hacker that the Board adopt the NOIRA. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discipline

Ms. Benson moved that the Board convene in closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Frank Pasciuti, Ph.D. and Mary Schumann, Ph.D. Additionally, Ms. Benson moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Williams attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary.

The motion carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Ms. Benson moved that the Board of Psychology certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom on Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. The motion carried.

Ms. Larimer asked for a motion from the Board to accept the agency subordinate's findings of fact and dispositions in both of the cases. The motion was properly seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Latimer reported that the Board has 25 complaints in Enforcement. She further reported that there are no cases at Board level or in Compliance. There are two cases being prepared in the Administrative Proceedings Division (APD) and two cases scheduled for informal conferences on May 4. One informal conference needs to be rescheduled and two cases were ratified by the Board today.

Newsletter

Dr Gregerson discussed the upcoming newsletter. Dr. Kuley added that she will write an article on Discipline for the newsletter.

Credentials

Ms. Benson reported on the applications reviewed by the Credentials Reviewers since the January 9, 2007 Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislation

Ms. Yeats discussed various bills from the 2007 that would affect the Department of Health Professions:

- HB 1682 will mandate what information would go to individuals who have filed a complaint.
- HB1944 would have required criminal background checks for medical practitioners; it did not pass but the issue will be studied.

- HB2157 will require that the Board of Medicine not post on the internet any notice or order if no disciplinary action was taken.
- HB2212 will authorize Boards to issue a summary restriction on a licensee.
- HB2520 will allow exceptions to health records privacy.

Election of Officers

Dr. Kuley noted that Ms. Benson currently serving as vice – chair will become Chair of the Board, effective July 2007. A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Stutts that Dr. Hacker be elected as Vice-Chair of the Board. There were no additional nominations. Dr Hacker was unanimously voted vice-chair. Both will assume respective offices at the July 10, 2007 board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Nadia Kuley, Ph.D. Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director